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the Week St Mary Circle of Churches

Together

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**“If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?”**



United we stand

From the Rectory

I love the summer, especially the long hours of daylight, and find the way the nights are beginning to draw in, almost desperate. Maybe this is partly because it's such a stark reminder of the sheer inexorability of the passage of time – and of the way that (for all our cleverness) we can absolutely nothing about it. We can't stop it; we can't even slow it down.

Human beings have always been fascinated by the way change is an integral and inescapable part of our world. It was something highlighted by the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, who famously observed that because the water in it was always on the move, it was impossible to step into the same river twice. Cratylus, one of his disciples, took this idea of the impermanence of everything even more seriously – and said that it was in fact impossible to step into the same river even once!

We sing the words '*change and decay in all around I see*', and know they're expressing the truth – but don't find the idea particularly uplifting. We do our best to preserve the past in all sorts of ways – such as taking photos and putting them in albums. It means that whenever we want to, we can open up our memories and re-enter a world that has, in every other sense, disappeared.

And it's the same with our possessions, which are usually positively soaked in memories (a point Sartre echoed with his comment that the past is a property-owners luxury). We may pay lip service to the need to travel light and to move on – but how much do we really mean it?

Memories do, of course, need to be treasured, because they are very much part of who we are. But the danger is that too much emphasis on them deprives us of a full and enthusiastic involvement in the present.

So perhaps it's just as well that with regard to moving on – there is simply no choice. Spells of hot and dry weather come to an end; the seasons pass into one another; and of course each of us gets steadily older.

However much we may wish it were so, Golden Ages of the Past never

existed, and we need to respect and value and embrace the present – and look to the future with as much enthusiasm as we can muster.

This is especially true with regards to religion – in that any faith which doesn't develop and mature is going to have to fight an ever more frantic rearguard action against the rest of society. And this means that the only people who will find it of any interest, are those who find the modern world something not to cherish – but something to run away from.

Faith like that is always on the defensive – rather than being open and welcoming and generous. But despite all that – it's the sort of faith that is growing fast, as desperate people look for desperate ways of escaping what they see as a threatening world.

To avoid getting locked into such a mindset, it's important to approach our faith with both head and heart – and is why some people find study/discussion courses helpful ways of coming to terms with reality.

All too often Christianity is seen as a sort of package-deal paid for by a blank intellectual cheque, with people expected to sign up for everything and agree with everything – which thinking people simply cannot do!

Our faith really doesn't deserve to survive unless it's able to respond intelligently to whatever a sceptical age can throw at it.

'*God Matters*' is a 5-week course that attempts to do just that – with particular reference to some of the challenges raised by the publication in 1963 of '*Honest to God*' – which the Church has never, ever taken seriously.

As with previous courses, parallel groups will meet in the Benefice Room at the Week St Mary rectory at 7.00 on Tuesday evenings (4/10, 18/10, 25/10, 22/11, 29/11) and at 2.30 on Thursday afternoons (13/10, 20/10, 27/10, 24/11, 1/12) – so people can mix and match to fit in with their diaries.

If you've got any questions, please get in touch. I look forward to the journey.

Revd Tony



Week St Mary ADVENTURE CHURCH

Adventure Church October

Adventure Church has come back with a bang after the Summer holidays and joined straight in with the pre-Revel events by learning to play Skittles at the Parish Hall during its first meeting. The children were surprisingly good at the sport and Brooke Hannaford triumphed in the mini-tournament that ended their session. We all trooped back to the church for chicken nuggets and smiley face potatoes after the story of the Lost Coin.



Future activities will include a talk with the Bat Lady who helped us to warm up a fallen bat in the early spring this year, Hedgehog Houses, a Children in Need dance event, some physical training and building a wormery. This week is all about apples, printing, volcano apples, apple based food, apple bird feeders and so on.

There is always something new to learn or experience and each session involves a bible-based story, a prayer and a shared meal. We try to be outdoors as much as is possible but are based at Week St Mary Church.

Full details are available on our Week St Mary Adventure Church Facebook page which you should look at and ask to join so that you can get notifications each week.

Week St Mary Revel

A very special Revel started with excellent weather for the gathering of the Harvest Queen's Procession where, most unusually, we welcomed TWO Harvest Queens, twins Jade and Zara Turner. Each had her own entourage and they all travelled in great style on a Harvest Carriage towards the crowning ceremony in Week St Mary Church.



The procession was led by the Reverend Tony and Mrs Pat Windross, closely followed by Launceston Town Band with some handsome marching tunes. Next came Citizen of the Year 2015 Mr Len Davies and his driver in a splendid open-top car and finally a large crowd of families, Fancy Dress entrants and onlookers carrying the flags and banners that have become so much of a tradition on this occasion.

At the church, the new Queens were led in by last year's Page Boy Harry Banks with Amelia Banks and Brooke Hannaford (2015 attendants) and Mollie Webster, the retiring Harvest Queen. Zara and Jade were accompanied respectively by attendants Charlotte Sharland and Pamela Morrison with Crown Bearer Kory Carter, and attendants Yvie Tilley and Lilly Sharland with Crown Bearer Finley Carter. The church was full for the Crowning Ceremony conducted by the Rector, with Mrs Audrey Bennett at the organ.

A Revel Fair followed at the Parish Hall with games, stalls and activities to raise funds for the Revel Fund, which is shared between church and chapel. The Harvest Queens presented prizes to the Fancy Dress Winners, judged by Mr Davies. At 4pm the Parish Hall was opened for a Grand Public Tea, which was very well received. To round off a memorable day the Hall was transformed into a Rock Concert venue where the girl group Vanity played to a large crowd who enjoyed a Hog Roast and Bar until late into the evening.

Thanks go to all the ladies who worked so hard to serve food and drinks and to clear up afterwards. Thanks are also due to the Parish Hall committee for organising a whole string of events in the preceding week to get the community in the mood for the celebrations.

WSM CIRCLE SERVICES September 2016

AMW: Revd Tony Windross, **RD:** Revd Canon Rob Dickenson,
RY: Revd Rob Yeomans, **PJ:** Revd Peter Judson, **MM:** Methodist Minister,
GS: Gloria Street, **CG:** Carol Goundry, **AH:** Ali Harper, **DP:** Drue Pratt,
AA: Audrey Atkin, **ND:** Nick Danks, **WT:** Worship Team

HC: Holy Communion, **MP:** Morning Prayer, **ES:** Evening Service, **FS:** Family Service,
AM: Anglo-Methodist Service, **UBS:** United Benefice Service, **HF:** Harvest Festival

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday 2nd Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>green</i>	Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10; Psalm 37: 1-9	0800 Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		0930 Week St Mary	FS	WT
		0930 Poundstock	HC	RY
		1100 St Gennys	HC	RY
		1830 Jacobstow	ES	DP
		1830 Whitstone	ES	AMW

Weds 5th		0830 Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Thurs 6th		1100 St Anne's Home	HC	RD
Friday 7th		1700 Widemouth Bay	ES	WT

Sunday 9th Twentieth Sunday after Trinity <i>green</i>	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19; Psalm 111	0800 Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
		0930 Jacobstow	MP	CG
		0930 Warbstow	HC	RD
		1100 Whitstone	HC	RD
		1100 P'stock/Bangors	AM	MM
		1100 St Gennys	HF	ND
1830 Week St Mary	ES	AMW		

Weds 12th		0830 Widemouth Bay	HC	AMW
Friday 14th		1700 Widemouth Bay	ES	WT

Sunday 16th Twenty-first after Trinity <i>green</i>	Genesis 32: 22-31; 2 Tim. 3: 14 - 4: 5; Luke 18: 1-8; Psalm 121	1030 Widemouth Bay	UBS	RY
		1500 Warbstow		HF AA

OCTOBER cont'd

Weds 19th		0830 Widemouth Bay	HC	RY
Friday 21st		1700 Widemouth Bay	ES	WT

Sunday 23rd		0800 Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Last Sunday after Trinity	Ecclesiasticus	0930 Jacobstow	HC	RD
	35: 12-17;	0930 Warbstow	MP	AA
<i>green</i>	2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 16-18;	1000 Poundstock	MP	tba
	Luke 18: 9-14;	1100 Whitstone	MP	WT
	Psalms 84: 1-7	1100 Week St Mary	HC	RD
		1830 St Gennys	ES	GS

Weds 26th		0830 Widemouth Bay	HC	AMW
Fri 28th		1700 Widemouth Bay	ES	WT

Sunday 30th				
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18;	1030 St Gennys	UBS	AMW
	Ephesians 1: 11-end;			
<i>white</i>	Luke 6: 20-31;			
	Psalms 149			

NOVEMBER

Weds 2nd	ALL SOULS	0830 Widemouth Bay	HC	RD
Thurs 3rd		1100 St Anne's Home	HC	RD
Friday 4th		1700 Widemouth Bay	ES	WT

Sunday 6th		0800 Widemouth Bay	HC	PJ
Third Sunday before Advent	Job 19: 23-27;	0930 Week St Mary	FS	WT
	2 Thessalonians	0930 Poundstock	HC	AMW
	2: 1-5, 13-end;	1100 St Gennys	HC	AMW
<i>red</i>	Luke 20: 27-38;	1600 Jacobstow	ES	DP
	Psalms 17: 1-9	1830 Whitstone	ES	RD

DIARY DATES

Changes/additions in **bold type**;

***** indicates a more detailed reference elsewhere in the mag.

SEPTEMBER

Tue 27th 4.30pm WSM Adventure Church *

Wed 28th 2.15pm Widemouth Bay Summerhouse Discussion Group *

Thu 29th 7pm WSM Benefice Room, UBC meeting

OCTOBER

Mon 3rd 12.30pm WSM Parish Hall, Meet'n'Eat

Mon 3rd 7pm Jacobstow Church Harvest Festival/Supper/Auction *

Mon 3rd 7pm Whitstone Church Harvest Festival *

Tue 4th 4.30pm WSM Adventure Church *

Tue 4th 7pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* course (1)*

Tue 11th 4.30pm WSM Adventure Church *

Thu 13th 2.30pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* course (1)*

Mon 17th 3pm Widemouth Bay, Service of Wholeness & Healing*

Mon 17th 7.30pm Jac/Warb/Tren PCC

Tue 18th 4.30pm WSM Adventure Church *

Tue 18th 7pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (2)*

Thu 20th 2.30pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (2)*

Fri 21st 2.00pm CAMEO at Linda's*

Sun 23rd 10am Poundstock Craft Fair Service

Tue 18th 4.30pm WSM Adventure Church *

Tue 25th 7pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (3)*

Thu 27th 2.30pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (3)*

**Fri 28th 12. - 2pm, Crackington Institute,
St Gennys Soup'n'Sweet Lunch (1)**

NOVEMBER

Sat 12th WSM Variety Concert

Sat 19th Jacobstow Christmas Fayre

Tue 22nd 7pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (4)*

Thu 24th 2.30pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (4)*

Tue 29th 7pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (5 and last)*

DECEMBER

Thu 1st 2.30pm WSM Benefice Rm, *God Matters* (5 and last)*

Fri 9th WSM Mulled Wine Evening

Sun 11th Jacobstow Carol Service

Sun 18th 7pm St Anne's Hall, Whitstone Carol Evening

Thu 22nd 7.30pm Treneglos Carol Service at Higher Scarsick

Material for the **November Together** by **Weds October 19th**,
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**Widemouth Bay Summerhouse
Discussion Group**

meet on **Wednesdays at 2.15pm**
and are currently reading

Living Prayer by Anthony Bloom

For more info, please ring Hilda on 01288 361 323

Meet'n'Eat

in WSM Parish Hall at 12.30pm

on Mon 3rd October

Looking forward to seeing you. Sue, Brenda, Linda and the team.



CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other

at Linda's from 2.00pm

on Friday 21st October

For anyone who wants just to share time
over a cup of tea with a friendly group of people.

Contact: Linda Cobbledick (01288 341 468). Looking forward to seeing you!

Jacobstow Church
Harvest Festival



Monday 3rd October at 7pm

followed by tea and auction in the Parish Hall

ST ANNE'S CHURCH WHITSTONE
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.00pm

Followed by Supper and Auction in the Hall at 8.00pm

Proceeds to Church Funds

Warbstow Church
Harvest Festival

on Sunday October 16th at 3pm

followed by Harvest Tea and Auction



STRATTON DEANERY BOOK CLUB

Monday 3rd October 7.30 - 9.30pm

at 14, Monterey Close, Bude, EX23 8DX

New members always welcome.

THE CHURCH YEAR: Thoughts for October

with thanks to Hilda Walter

After the summer sun we move into the curling up for winter. The days shorten, the leaves fall and we look for a woolly to combat the dropping temperature. How lucky we are to have the seasons and how much they teach us.

There are two things in life that are constant: a time to be born and a time to die. The best thing is to have a long enough life to prepare for the end sensibly and with confidence that in a partnership each can manage to be physically alone.



St Teresa of Avila
Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

This month on the 4th we celebrate the life of St Francis who taught us to live simply and to forget ourselves.

On the 15th it is St Teresa of Avila that we celebrate. She taught her nuns to combine devotion with action in the world saying 'Our Lord requires work' to the nun who spent too long in prayer.

The 18th is St Luke who quotes Jesus as saying 'The kingdom of God is within you' giving us a glimpse of eternal life beginning here and now.

The seasons give us the brown leaves of winter and the green shoots of spring and we all accept that we have a beginning and an end so let us all live out our lives in the sure knowledge that there is no end, only a change.

Prayer.

We thank you Lord for all the blessings we receive, for the lives of all that have influenced us in our pilgrimage. May we be instruments of thy peace and willing to be used to bring love to all around us.

Stratton Deanery Year of Prayer 2016

Thoughts & Reflections for October Harvest and our responsibility for Creation



Summer, the time of refreshment and relaxation for many has come and somehow just gone by and the visitors are nearly all gone! The crops have grown and our fields have been harvested. Now is the time to give thanks to the Lord for His Goodness.

The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

God of delight, Source of all joy,
thank you for making me part of the web of life,
depending on the rhythms and fruits of the earth
for my existence.

Help me to be wholly present to you,
now, in this place,
where my feet are on the ground,
and where I am surrounded by creation's gifts,
from concrete to clouds,
if I have the wit to notice them!

A.A.

Read Psalm 104 "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live."

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures.

The parable of the Mustard Seed: Matthew 13: 31-32

The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed,
which a man took and planted in his field.
Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet
when it grows,
it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.

In a world whose web of life is intricate and beautiful,
save us, Lord, from carelessness and blindness.
In a world whose creatures are so varied and vulnerable,
save us, Lord, from plundering and cruelty.
In a world whose waters are fresh and whose oceans should cleanse,
save us, Lord, from wanton polluting.
In a world whose forests protect our air and wild-life,
save us Lord, from the systems that drive us to destroy them.
In a world whose fruits are rich and plentiful,
save us Lord, from waste and greed.

A.A

Compassion

Lord, when we say "Give us today our daily bread," may we remember our brothers and sister who live below the bread-line, and pray. "Give them today their daily bread." Give us the wisdom and courage to challenge the policies and structures which make the poor ever poorer, while we have more than enough. Grant us such deep compassion that we will not rest while surplus food rots in one part of the world, and families starve in another, for your love's sake.

A prayer inspired by words Sister Margaret Magdalen CSMV

Please remember those in need at your Harvest Festivals by supporting appeals for the Refugee Crisis and Food Hubs.

Persecution of Christians in Syria.

For the last 5 years, Syria has been devastated by an increasingly violent civil war, Starting with the protests of the Arab Spring, it has spiralled out of control as different factions (as many as ten) seek to seize control of different parts of the country.

So called Islamic State, the al-Nusra front, the free Syrian army, radical Kurds, and other splinter groups vie with each other and the government forces for supremacy each backed by different outside powers, including western governments.

Caught in the middle of this carnage, and often targeted by them, are our Christian brothers and sisters and other minority groups.

For many years regarded as a safe place for Christians to live, being some 30% of Syria's population a hundred years ago, this has now dropped rapidly to less than 10%. Many Christians are attacked, abducted, held to ransom or just killed, forcing those who can to leave, seeking a safe haven, either in refugee camps or trying to find a new life in Europe or elsewhere. This leaves the old, the poor, and the infirm as the main bulk of Christians in the country, living in desperate conditions and not knowing if they will survive another day.

Humanitarian aid is patchy and spasmodic due to the complicated factionality of the different groups, who often use the refugees as bargaining tools. In spite of this, there are many converts coming to Christ, especially from a Muslim background, drawn by the loving and supportive environment of the Christian church.

Please pray for:

Give thanks for those who stay in Syria, despite the risks, to serve the Christian population.

Pray for the safe release of those held hostage.

Pray for those living in war zones for the Lord to protect and provide for them, shielding and guiding them each day.

Pray for all those displaced in refugee camps, and those travelling in Europe, that they may find a new home and a safe haven.

Pray for strength of faith for those who come to Christ at great personal risk.

Pray for all who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, or who have been injured and traumatised for healing and comfort in their distress.

Pray for an end to the suffering and violence against so many innocent civilians.

Stratton Deanery

**Service of
Wholeness & Healing**



Monday 17 October

3.00 pm

at the church of

**Our Lady & St. Anne,
Widemouth Bay**

followed by

Tea in the Summer House

STOP PRESS:

Too late for the printed edition, but in time to email to you.

Widemouth Bay Church Summerhouse Meetings

All Fridays at 2pm

14th October - Craft, Chat and Pick your next Willow Project

28th October - Willow Work

11th November - Willow Work

25th November - Make your own Christmas Card

Looking forward to a new year, meeting up with old friends and making lots of new ones. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. Even if it's only for the tea and biscuits.

In the Oct 2016 edition of the Diocesan Newsletter (attached):

2016 Roadshows – Healthy, Wealthy and Wise: Thinking Christianly
about everyday issues

Appointment of Canon Theologian

Installation of Canons

Archdeacon Bill's Letter

Diocesan directory, changes and updates

St Goran celebrations

Mission case study – Fundraising boosted by festival Church ideas

Thy Kingdom come 2017

Interns welcomed

Thank your Vicar week

Communications audit

Free website workshop

Helping to raise standards across all our schools – Jo Osborne,
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Dates for your diary

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